

**PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD
2014 ANNUAL REVIEW**

- Board Members in 2014 were: Michele Thorman, PT (LaCrosse); Lori Dominiczak, PT (Brown Deer); Shari Berry, PT (Tomah), Sarah Olson, PTA (Readstown), and Thomas Murphy, Public Member (DePere). Officers in 2014 were Michele Thorman (Chair), Lori Dominiczak (Vice Chair) and Shari Berry (Secretary).
- Michele Thorman represented the Board at the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association's (WPTA) Spring Conference in order to disseminate information and solicit comments on (1) rules related to the supervision of licensed and unlicensed personnel; and (2) supervised clinical practice for the Foreign Educated Physical Therapist (FEPT).
- All screening activities were moved to a paperless process starting in June 2014.
- The Board continued to work with the WPTA Continuing Education Approval Task Force regarding details pertaining to its course approval process, and in particular, online courses.
- The Board initiated discussions regarding the use of aPTitude, a Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) online tool for therapists to record continuing education activities. The Office of Education and Exams was charged with gathering additional information to assist the Board with further discussions.
- The Board updated the PT oral examination question bank to ensure it remains consistent with current practice standards for the competent provision of physical therapy services. The new oral examination questions were used starting in September 2014.
- The Office of Education and Examinations presented a report detailing how each of the four Board-approved equivalency evaluation organizations are reviewed for consistency in the application of the Coursework Evaluation Tool for the Foreign Education Physical Therapist (FEPT).
- The Board engaged in discussions regarding the licensing of therapists re-entering the profession after an extended absence from practice. A scope statement was drafted on PT 1, 2, 3 and 8 relating to the temporary reentry license. The scope statement was approved in May 2014. Initial discussion of the draft rule changes was held in December 2014.
- The Board requested that the Office of Education and Examinations conduct an audit of Wisconsin licensees' compliance with Wis. Admin. Code Chapter PT 9 at the conclusion of the 2013-2015 biennial licensure period.
- The Board submitted responses to a survey regarding the potential consolidation of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection with the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

- Shari Berry (PT Member), Sarah Olson (PTA Member) and Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Board Member and Administrator Training, June 6-8, 2014, in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the FSBPT Portability Task Force meeting on July 12-13, 2014, and the FSBPT Leadership Issues Forum on August 2-3, 2014, both held in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Michele Thorman (Delegate), Sarah Olson (Alternate Delegate) and Tom Ryan (Board Administrator) attended the FSBPT Annual Meeting September 18-20, 2014, in San Francisco, California.
- Sarah Olson (PTA Member) was appointed to the FSBPT Membership Task Force. Michele Thorman was appointed to the FSBPT Continuing Competence Task Force, and Tom Ryan continued as Chair of the FSBPT Examination Administration Committee.
- On February 19, 2014, the Racine County Circuit Court dismissed the case, Acupuncture Center Inc. et. al. vs. Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services et. al., Racine County Case Number 2013CV001730, which challenged whether dry needling is within the scope of physical therapy practice.
- The Board administered 3 PT oral examinations.

<u>Licensing Activity</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PTA</u>
Applications Received (approximate)	383	143
Licenses Issued	477	168
Renewals	21	5

<u>Enforcement Activity</u>	<u>PT and PTA</u>
New complaints received	25
Number of Respondents involved	25
Number of cases opened	8
Total cases/respondents closed	30
Total closed at screening	20
Total closed after investigation	7
Total closed with formal action	3
Cases pending as of 2/15	6